

MUST PROTECT
NEW ENGLANDDeclared Gov. Guild To-day
On Railroad Control

N INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Dr. Giddings Was Apparently in His
Usual Health This Forenoon, Being
on Street Half an Hour Before
His Death at 10:20 Today.

Boston, Jan. 2.—A brilliant assemblage thronged the galleries of the Massachusetts House of Representatives today to see the third inauguration of Governor Guild and Lieutenant-governor Draper. The two legislative branches met in joint session. President Chapple of the Senate administered the oath of office at noon and shortly afterwards the governor delivered his annual address.

In his annual address Governor Guild emphasized his purpose to signalize his third and last term by solving the state's transportation problems. He said that all three railroad systems in the state are controlled by outside interests. This condition is bad. The surrender to any outside corporation of all local control of Massachusetts transportation would be worse. The loading up of a railroad with permanent fixed charges as a result of a long lease has been as unfortunate to the public as the railroad monopoly condition must, at all events, be enforced in any proposed consolidation. Stringent permanent provisions should be made against any control of any New England roads by any corporation, American or Canadian, with an Atlantic terminal for coastbound freight anywhere outside New England.

BURNT TO DEATH
IN STEEL PLANTTwo Men Lost Their Lives at North
Braddock, Pa., Yesterday Following
an Explosion.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 2.—Two men were killed and 13 others were seriously injured by an explosion in converter No. 3 of the Edgar Thomson plant of the United States Steel corporation at North Braddock, about seven miles east of here yesterday.

The two men killed were foreigners. Six of the injured were Americans and the others Slavs. All were removed to a hospital in this city, where it was said their injuries were not serious.

No official statement on the cause of the explosion has been issued but old converter mill No. 3, the cause could hardly be other than some of the molten metal, sifted through the soapstone lining of the converter and came in contact with the steel sheathing which perhaps was damp.

When the explosion occurred the bottom of the converter dropped out, throwing 15 tons of molten metal into the pit where 15 men were working at the ladles. There was no explosion when the hot mass of steel struck the bottom of the pit but instead flames of burning gas sent up a column of fire which killed the two men in the pit. The two men who were killed had been working under the converter and their bodies were terribly mangled.

The force of the explosion blew the sheet iron roof off of the converting mill and caused two of the walls to collapse, breaking all of the windows in buildings in the vicinity. It practically destroyed the engine house and warehouse near the converting mill.

BLOODY RECORD
OF A SINGLE DAYWritten Down in Brooklyn Police Blot-
ters Yesterday, Some of Which
Were Murders.

New York, Jan. 2.—A long record of killings, assaults, accidents and minor crimes was written in Brooklyn police blotters yesterday.

Gas escaping from a partly open burner asphyxiated Jacob Spritzerback and his wife in their home in Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn.

An unknown burglar was shot and killed while trying to enter David Jaffee's store on Meserole street. Jaffee collapsed when he found he had killed the burglar.

The police are hunting for Frank Ferrero, who shot and killed Michael Schindello as the outcome of an altercation in Carroll street.

Hattie Schubert took umbrage at a remark made by her husband, Max Schubert, in their home on Ocean Parkway, and stabbed him with a knife. He is in a serious condition.

After a quarrel with his wife as to the manner of celebrating New Year's Archibald P. Mitchell, who several years ago married Augusta Herne, a daughter of a wealthy West Virginia politician, took his life early yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas in his home on West Seventy-first street. Mitchell was recently engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes. Because of business reverses he was despondent of late.

Ice Out of Mississippi.
Swanton, Jan. 2.—The ice has gone out of the Mississippi river for the third time. It being unusual for this to happen before the first of January.

Is Held for Examination.
St. Albans, Jan. 2.—An alleged alien, George Barney, is being held here at the Franklin county jail pending examination by the immigration inspector.

BIG HOTEL FIRE AT
GLOUCESTER, MASS.Last Night's Loss Will Approach Quar-
ter of a Million—Probably of
Incendiary Origin.

Gloicester, Mass., Jan. 2.—The Colonial Annex, the largest summer hotel on the north shore, was burned to the ground last night, with all its furnishings. The loss is estimated at \$225,000, with \$110,000 insurance. The hotel was situated on Eastern point, and was four years ago leased by George O. Stacy of this city to H. W. Priest & Co., A. J. Sheppard of Aiken, S. C., manager, for five years, at \$15,000 a year.

The hotel was unoccupied, having been closed for the season September 15. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. Two days ago it was learned that the building had been entered in the eastern section, known as the employees' quarters, although nothing had been taken. A man has been at work for several days tarring the roof of one section.

The blaze lighted up the coast for miles and formed a brilliant spectacle as viewed from this city and elsewhere. Fully 6,000 people journeyed from here to Eastern point to witness the illumination. It was impossible to stand within 100 feet of the burning structure on account of the intense heat.

The firemen were handicapped by the fact that the fire hydrants had been shut off for the winter, and the only water obtainable was from Niles' pond, 200 feet away. Two streams were played on the blaze by a fireboat stationed 400 feet away. At 9:30 o'clock the building, including the two fire walls, was burned flat to the ground.

The firemen derived a great part of their energies to saving the old Niles farmhouse, recently purchased by Marshall S. Pollard of the firm of Wood, Pollard & Company of Boston, which has made it his summer home for several years. The sparks ignited the dry grass in a field near by, and several acres were aflame at one time, although no property was endangered. The house of Dr. James Knowles was also threatened by the flying sparks.

It was the second big hotel fire on the north shore within a few months. The Magnolia hotel being destroyed by fire early last October.

GRANGE HALL BURNED.

Fire in Structure at Belfast, Me., Be-
lieved to Be of Incendiary.

Belfast, Me., Jan. 2.—The hall of the Seaside Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, in this city, was burned last night. The fire started, apparently on the outside of the building and is supposed to have been set. The police have begun an investigation. The grange hall was a two-story frame structure valued at \$5,000. It was insured for \$1,500.

20-ROUND DRAW
IN SAN FRANCISCOReferee Jeffries Refused to Give Bout to
Either Owen Moran or Abe Attel
Yesterday.

Colma Arena, San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Owen Moran, champion featherweight of England, fought 25 rounds to a draw yesterday with Abe Attel, champion of America. Moran was strong and aggressive, as a fighter, but punching Attel all the time. Attel had plenty of opportunity to show his cleverness in keeping away from the rushes of the Briton.

Attel's punches seemed to lack force and he found it difficult to land a blow on a vital spot. Moran's eye was blackened and his nose bled, but punching blows to the stomach and swings to the jaw were lacking. Moran's plan was to lead with either right or left and then close in. In the clinches he fought viciously, but he did not do Attel much harm.

The final round was most exciting. Moran seemed to take on new vigor and with head down he went at Attel, swinging rights and lefts. When the going rang for the close both men kept on fighting fiercely. Referee Jeffries had to separate them. Jeffries' decision was received with approval.

There came near being no fight owing to the fact that Moran was two ounces overweight. Attel had to be paid \$250 for this overweight before he would consent to go into the ring. Moran's manager stated that the Englishman had found it extremely difficult to get down to weight and at eleven o'clock yesterday morning he was compelled to do two miles of vigorous roadwork.

While interesting, the fight was not particularly exciting and it did not come up to the standard of a championship contest. Between 7,000 and 8,000 persons witnessed it.

Referee Jeffries said that the fight was so close that he found it impossible to decide in favor of either man. He thought Attel slightly the better on points, but not enough to justify a decision in his favor.

CAPT. PILLSBURY
WILL BE APPOINTEDTo Head of Bureau of Navigation to
Succeed Rear Admiral Brownson,
Who Resigned After Getting
Worst of Encounter.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—It was announced at the White House today that Captain J. E. Pillsbury would be appointed chief of the bureau of navigation, to succeed Rear Admiral Brownson, who resigned after getting the worst of an encounter with Surgeon General Risley over the appointment of the commander of the Pacific hospital ship. Capt. Pillsbury is now connected with the bureau.

SUDDEN END
OF PHYSICIANDr. W. H. Giddings, Formerly
Supt. of Insane Asylum

AND CITIZEN OF BROOKFIELD

Brilliant Assemblage in Massachusetts
Legislature Today When Guild
Entered Upon His Third and
Last Term.

Bakersfield, Jan. 2.—Dr. W. H. Giddings died suddenly of heart failure this forenoon at 10:20 o'clock, having been apparently in his usual health almost up to the minute of his summons. He was in one of the local stores just half an hour before he died.

He was born in Bakersfield 47 years ago and received a common school education here. Later he went to the medical department of the University of Vermont, graduating from there in 1866, having studied previously in the office of Dr. W. H. Hutchinson of Enosburgh.

He was appointed acting superintendent of the state hospital for the insane and later was made superintendent. On closing his duties in that institution he returned to Bakersfield, where he entered into general practice.

He was elected a member of the constitutional assembly in 1870, was sent to the state legislature from this place in 1880, and was elected a state senator in 1888. While there he served as chairman of the committee on the insane.

Dr. Giddings was married February 11, 1868, to Sarah A. Perkins, who survives him, also an adopted daughter.

SEABOARD AIR LINE
IS IN TROUBLEReceiver Appointed for Southern Rail-
road System To-day, Following
Application.

Danville, Va., Jan. 2.—Federal Judge Peter J. Pritchard of the circuit court for the eastern district of Virginia today named S. Davies Warfield and R. Lancaster Williams as receivers for the Seaboard Air Line railroad company. The receivers will take charge of the company's affairs at once.

Counsel for the company, and creditors of the company, applied yesterday to United States District Attorney Pritchard for the appointment of receivers, and subsequently agreed to apply to Judge Pritchard and thereby obviate the necessity of obtaining ancillary decrees in each of the judicial districts through which the lines of the company operate.

Judge Waddill announced that he would appoint the receivers on certain conditions, but it was thought best to go to a court with larger jurisdiction.

BAD HABIT, HE SAYS.

To Make Rural Mail Carriers Accept
Cents For Stamps.

Brattleboro, Jan. 2.—The members of the rural letter carrier association of the United States District Attorney Pritchard yesterday for their annual business meeting, gave them a complimentary dinner, after which they elected Fred Valle of South Londonderry president; C. P. Nash of Brattleboro, vice-president; A. E. Eddy of Brattleboro, secretary; Leon F. Mixer of Brattleboro, treasurer; P. E. O'Connor of Putney and A. P. Eddy, representatives to the state convention, C. P. Nash and Hugh H. Valle of South Londonderry alternates.

Postmaster Taylor addressed the association, speaking of the benefits to be gained by organization, and the benefits of rural routes to a community. He deprecated the practice of rural patrons of putting coppers in letter boxes and obliging the carriers to exchange them for stamps, and he expressed a hope that the government would prohibit the rural carriers from accepting them, as it has already done with respect to other carriers.

VERMONT BASKET BALL.

Out of State Teams Were Defeated
Last Night.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 2.—St. Johnsbury's basket ball team demonstrated its right to championship claims by winning two games at Company D's armory yesterday and last evening from the East Boston C. L. A. team. The afternoon game resulted in victory for St. Johnsbury by 40 to 27. At the end of the first period East Boston led, 12 to 11, but in the second period St. Johnsbury got into the game in tremendous shape and closed a winner. Fox, Ahern and Hayes did great work for the visitors, while Steinberg, Henschell and Matthews played a fast game for the locals. The home team won, 74 to 13, in the evening.

Brattleboro, Jan. 2.—The Brattleboro Athletics best Portsmouth, 37 to 24 last night in the fastest game on the home floor this season. The score was tied twice in the first period, but the home team gradually pulled away and got its biggest lead in the second period. Durant and Moloughney struggled for supremacy, and when the Athletics had the game clinched they fed the basket to Doran, who scored five goals in quick succession.

APPROPRIATED \$34,410.

St. Johnsbury Village Meeting Also
Elected Officers.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 2.—At the annual village meeting yesterday, the following officers were elected: president, A. F. Stone; clerk, P. E. May; treasurer, T. W. Blodgett; collector, G. R. Crosby; trustees, Daniel T. Gilman, Frank A. Scott, George A. Burleigh; auditors, F. C. Mayo, J. F. Puffer, R. C. Baker; \$340 was appropriated for open air band concerts. Total appropriations in all departments voted for coming year were \$34,410.

COMMUNITY WAS SHOCKED

To Learn of the Death of John H. Mc-
Greedy Yesterday.

Winoski, Jan. 2.—The community was shocked New Year's morning to learn of the death of John H. McGreedy, one of Winoski's best known and most respected citizens. Mr. McGreedy was taken ill about eight weeks ago, but had so far recovered as to be able to be about the house. Chills developed rapidly, however, during the past few days, and just as the new year was dawning, surrounded by his family, he passed peacefully away. John H. McGreedy was born in Winoski April 7, 1862, and passed practically his whole life in this village, where he had often been honored by election to various offices, both of town and village. He was a man of sterling character, one whose word was never doubted. Sixteen years ago he married Mary F. Cahalan of Somerville, Mass., with two children, Mary and Edward, survive him. An older daughter, Gertrude, died a year ago. Besides his wife and children, he leaves an aged mother, Mrs. Margaret McGreedy of Burlington, two brothers, Patrick of this village and Thomas of Providence, R. I., and three sisters, Mrs. Catherine Malone of Lawrence, Mass., and Miss Mary McGreedy of New York City. The deceased was a charter member of the Overland club and member of Plattsburgh lodge of Elks. The funeral will be held at St. Stephen's church Friday at 10 a. m., with interment in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery, Burlington.

FUNERAL OF HIRAM THAYER.

was Held at Vershire on Tuesday Af-
ternoon Under Odd Fellows Auspices.

The funeral of Hiram Thayer who was for 21 years a resident of Barre and who died at the home of his wife's mother in Vershire on Sunday was held there Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Harding officiating. The burial service was under the charge of the Post Mills lodge of Odd Fellows, he having been a member of that lodge, I. O. O. F. of Vinal Haven, Maine.

The floral tributes were as follows: wreath with "Husband" on it, from his wife, Flora; bouquet of pink and white carnations from brothers and wife; bouquet of pink and white carnations from Joseph and Percy Thayer; above, a bouquet of pink and white carnations from his cousin, George Thayer and wife; pillow with three links from J. C. Dyer; pillow from tool sharpeners' branch, No. 2, of this city, of which he was a member.

Mr. Thayer was employed as a tool sharpener at Melcher & Hadley's until forced to give up work about a year ago. He went to Vershire in the hope that his health would be benefited. He was 47 years old, having been born in North Haven, Maine. He leaves a widow, a brother, Edwin of this city and another brother, Austin of North Haven, Me.

WAS ILL ONLY TWO HOURS.

D. P. Pitkin Died in Marshfield Last
Evening.

Marshfield, Jan. 2.—D. P. Pitkin passed away very quietly at his home last evening about 7 o'clock, after a few hours illness of pneumonia. Mr. Pitkin was taken with a chill Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock, and remained in an unconscious condition until the end. The funeral will be held at the home Friday at 1 o'clock. Further arrangements have not been made at this writing.

C. A. LEONARD DEAD.

Resident of Shady Hill Had Been Ill for
Two Weeks.

Charles A. Leonard, a resident of the Shady Hill neighborhood in Middlesex, died Tuesday night after an illness of two weeks, caused by catching cold while working in the woods. He was 41 years of age and leaves his wife, an adopted son, and his father and mother.

TERRIBLE DETAILS
RETOLD IN COURTIncriminating Evidence Against Alfred
Mahan Charged With Killing
His Niece.

Bennington, Jan. 2.—Yesterday was the first gruesome session in the Mahan murder trial. Up to afternoon the tragedy was brought to the front with dramatic effect. With the calling to the stand of Dr. D. A. Gleason of North Bennington, the murder for the first time was brought into the court room and when Dr. B. H. Stone produced the blood saturated garments, which he testified he removed from the little girl's body, the picture was complete in all its horrors.

Dr. Gleason described the body as he found it at the home of the alleged murderer's father on the night of the crime, the straight gash extending nearly from ear to ear and the scars on the thighs as though made by bloody hands. He testified that he had examined the body for evidence of criminal assault and had found none. The witness testified that he later examined the clothing of Alfred Mahan and that he found stains which looked like blood on the shirt and coat.

Dr. Stone testified in relation to the autopsy which he conducted. He stated that his examination at that time and at the laboratory showed no evidence of assault.

There was an objection on the part of the defense to the admission of the garments and while the discussion was in progress court adjourned.

TOO ILL TO LEAVE BED.

Editor Harlan's Condition Is Worrying
His Friends.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Editor Harlan of the *Zerkow* was too ill to leave his bed today and that his case against General Count Von Moltke, Prince Zu Eulenburg and other members of the Kaiser's former "kitchen cabinet," was adjourned. Physicians named by the court are investigating to determine whether or not the editor can appear to-morrow. Harlan's friends are much alarmed. He was very ill when the trial began, but refused a delay and is said to have greatly aggravated his condition by exposure and strain of the hearing.

ATTENDANCE
WAS LARGEAt Four Annual Church Meet-
ings in Barre

TO MARK CLOSE OF YEAR

Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and
Universalist People Met on First
Day of 1908, to Plan for the
Coming Twelve Months.

Four of the church societies of this city started the new year with annual meetings and roll calls yesterday. They were the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Universalist societies.

The annual meeting of the Universalist parish was held last evening in the vestry and was attended by a good-sized number of the members. At six o'clock the ladies served a very enjoyable supper and the business meeting followed. During the reading of reports from the different officers, a piano solo was played by Miss Alice N. Averill and a vocal solo was given by Mrs. M. D. Lamb, which were much enjoyed. A letter was read from the clerk of the Baptist church society in which Christmas greetings were extended from that society to the Universalist church.

Mrs. F. T. Cutler gave a very interesting report of the work done the past year by the Ladies' union and closed her report by the statement that the union had met all its expenses for the past year and had turned over \$91 to next year's committee. The report of the Sunday school showed a total enrollment of 215, and the average attendance for the year 110. There is also a balance in the treasury. The report from the Young People's Christian union showed that it was doing good work and had a enrollment of 30 members. Mrs. C. C. Conner, as superintendent of the Junior union, reported very favorable work being done.

The report from the pastor, the Rev. C. C. Conner, was then listened to with much pleasure. In announcing the report from the pastor, Prof. O. R. Hollister stated that the church had never been in a better condition than it is now, and he expressed, in behalf of the board of trustees and of the society, their appreciation of the work the pastor is doing and the results he has obtained since he has been here.

In his report Mr. Conner stated that thirty-two members, one by letter, had been received into the church during the past year and that the church had lost by death and removal from the city twenty families; baptisms 60, of which 2 were adults and 58 children; funerals, 28; marriages, 14. With reference to the fact that he had not been idle in the past twelve months he remarked that he had preached and lectured 21 times, written about 800 letters and postals, and made 1,500 pastoral calls besides his other duties. In closing he expressed regret that the church had a deficit of \$100, and with the hope that it might speedily be wiped out, he stated that he would give at least \$50 of the amount if the society would raise the rest before Easter. Action was taken later by the society towards formulating a plan for raising the money to defray the debt, which is about \$900.

The officers elected were: clerk, Alford G. Fay; treasurer, Dr. F. M. Lynde; collector, A. R. Lane; auditors, F. T. Cutler and P. M. Carr; trustees, O. K. Hollister, William Stone and William R. Durkee.

The annual church meeting will be held this, Thursday, evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock in the vestry.

The annual parish meeting of the Congregational church was held yesterday forenoon and afternoon in the church. The morning session began at 10 o'clock with the choice of William Marr as moderator and C. S. Wallace as clerk. The forenoon session was given to reports from different societies in the church and at noon the annual dinner was served by the ladies of the parish in the large dining room, to which more than 200 sat down. Following a social half-hour after the dinner the business meeting was resumed. The reports of pastor, Sunday school superintendent and of the societies all showed the church had enjoyed a prosperous year. The total church membership is now 694, a net gain of 23 for the year, and a net gain of 94 during the six years' pastorate of Rev. Mr. Poole. The financial report also showed a gratifying improvement. The Sunday school has had an average attendance of 297 for the year, and especially gratifying to the church is the growth in membership and attendance of the Barre class. The primary department has had the most successful year in its history. Both the Ladies' Aid society and the Missionary society have each accomplished much in their departments.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: Deacon for four years, to succeed the late Dr. Jackson, J. C. Griggs; deacon for six years, Alex. Gordon, elected to succeed himself; Charles Marr was re-elected treasurer and H. B. Woodcraft, superintendent of Sunday school; members of business committee for three years, F. E. Langley.

The annual business meeting of the Baptist church was held yesterday afternoon and evening, and was attended by a large number of the members. The business meeting was held during the afternoon and evening, and was attended by a large number of the members. The business meeting was held during the afternoon and evening, and was attended by a large number of the members.

NEW I. O. G. T. LODGE.

Was Instituted at Randolph Last Even-
ing by J. O. Beckley.

J. O. Beckley of this city, district deputy grand master of the Independent Order of Good Templars, was in Barre last evening and instituted a lodge of Good Templars at that place. The meeting was held in Edison hall and the lodge was started with 36 charter members. The candidates were initiated by the deputy, assisted by Mrs. J. K. J. and Mrs. Benjamin Sumner of Montpelier last evening.

The officers of the lodge, which will be called New Acadia, were elected and installed at the meeting last evening. They are as follows: C. T. D. Allen; V. T. Mrs. Jessie Hodgett; P. C. T. S. A. Smith; chaplain, Mrs. S. A. Smith; secretary, E. E. Tibbons; financial secretary, Alfred Knight; treasurer, Mrs. Hanna Prince.

TO PLAY IN SOUTH.

Fred Whittier and Karl Forsell Left Last
Night For Florida.

Fred H. Whittier and Karl Forsell, members of the Whittier orchestra, left Montpelier last evening for Orlando, Florida, where they have engagements to play this winter with the large orchestra at the Orlando hotel. Mr. Whittier has been leader of the well known musical organization in Montpelier, and will be succeeded in that position by E. W. Bruce who recently returned from study in Europe. Thomas Burroughs of St. Johnsbury had been mentioned as possible successor to Mr. Whittier, but arrangements were finally concluded with Mr. Bruce.

MONTPELIER CITY COURT FOR YEAR.

During the Year Just Closed There Were
126 Criminal Cases in the City Court of
Montpelier.

SOUTH BARRE.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams and Ida
Adams attended the Fiddlers and Sewers
wedding at Montpelier Tuesday, the 31.WAGE RATE IS
INCREASINGFor School Teachers in Ver-
mont On Average

FINDS SUPT. M. S. STONE

The Attendance at the Public Schools
in 1907 Was 64,778, Which Is
Practically the Same as
the Year Previous.

Mason S. Stone, superintendent of education, has just completed his report of school statistics for the year ending March 31, 1907. Unusual effort in certain localities is shown by the amounts expended for educational interests, and this is particularly noticeable on the east side of the state, many counties having a per cent. of expenditure for educational purposes reckoned on the grand list far in excess of the state average of current school expenses of 52 per cent.

In the state there are 82,513 children of school age, that is between the ages of 5 and 18 years. Of this number, 64,778 are in attendance upon school. Between the ages of 8 and 15 years a child is obliged by law to attend school. There are 44,208 of this age, and according to the report 41,440 are in attendance upon school. The difference, or 2,822, represents incompetency, attendance upon private schools, or a completion of the elementary course of study. The aggregate total attendance shows a gain of something like 40,000 for the year over 1906. In the state that are 2,186 school houses, showing a falling off of 43 over the previous year. The number of legal schools in the state is 2,469, as against 2,497 in 1906. There are 842 schools of over 25 pupils in Vermont. There are 79 high schools, as against 77 the year before, with respective enrollments of 5,302 and 5,218.

The school census with comparison with 1906 follows:

	1906	1907
Number of children between 5 and 8	18,082	17,986
Between 8 and 15	44,208	44,208
Between 15 and 18	16,719	15,987
Number of boys between 5 and 18	30,803	30,741
Number of girls between 5 and 18	33,835	33,510

The figures of the school attendance follow with comparison:

	1906	1907
Under 5 years	612	378
Between 5 and 8	14,044	14,014
Between 8 and 15	41,067	41,446
Between 15 and 18	8,853	8,418
Over 18	1,205	1,208
Total	66,811	66,524
Male	33,518	33,511

Aggregate total attendance 77,421,3 77,810,113

Average daily attendance 49,248 49,296

There are 3,171 different teachers in the state and of these 2,844 are females and 271 males. In 1906 there were 3,077 different teachers, 2,790 female and 287 males. Of this year's teachers 768 are graduates of state normal schools, as against 828 in 1906. There are 302 college graduates. The average monthly wage including board of the high school male teacher was \$93.55, as against \$90.86 in 1906 and the same for female high school teachers was \$15.63 as against \$13.26. The average wage of the male elementary teacher was \$30.09 as against \$28.90 in 1906. The figures for the female teachers are \$29.60 and \$29.62.

The total amount of money expended for school purposes in 1907 was \$1,318,273.88, against \$1,308,824.30 in 1906. The estimated valuation of school property in the state is \$341,576,506.

In Washington county there are 6,869 school children and 323 teachers, 22 males and 201 females.

NEW JURY ON CASE.

In Which First Jury Failed to Reach a
Verdict Last Week.

The "horse" case in which George Casse sued I. B. Dodge for the payment for a horse which the defendant bought at auction was started for the second trial in the city court today. The price which the horse went for under the auctioneer's hammer was \$147, but the defendant claims that the horse was not what it was warranted to be, in that it is not a reliable animal, being afraid of automobiles and electric cars outside the city. For this reason Mr. Dodge refused to pay the full amount of his bid. On the first trial of the case last week the jury, after being out until after midnight, reported a disagreement. The jury drawn for the case this morning are Michael Kenesh, Henry Moore, A. H. Burke, Donald McLeod, Asa Harrington and Charles Oliver.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Outler of East Montpelier visited at the home of Mrs. C. C. Page of Jefferson street yesterday.

Mrs. Clara Cloake and daughter, Miss Nellie Cloake, of New Jersey, were guests at the home of Mrs. C. C. Page of Jefferson street yesterday.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and today are C. A. Walker, Boston; M. E. Tillyer, F. R. Potter, S. E. Brownell and H. G. Hawthorne, Burlington; A. W. Hoop, Boston; W. J. M. Beattie and H. S. Springer, Enosburgh Falls.

About 50 of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson gave them a surprise New Year's party at the home on B street Tuesday evening. Although taken by surprise, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson entered into the spirit of the occasion and a jolly time was enjoyed until a late hour. Music